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1. The KIM Il-sŏng (金日成) University in Pyongyang (Bei Jo) (125-44, 39-01) was founded in September 1946 and is endowed by the North Korean People's Committee. The University has six departments which offer the following courses:

- Law Department. Offers courses in law, politics and economics.
- Literature Department. Offers courses in Korean literature, Korean history and world history, with emphasis on Russian history.
- Medical Department. Offers five-year courses in medicine and dentistry.
- Agricultural Department. Offers courses in agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry.
- Engineering Department. Offers courses in electrical, mechanical and civil engineering.
- Physical Education Department. Offers courses in physical training and supervises the athletic activities of the University.

Comment: [redacted] in September 1947 KIM Il-sŏng University had the following departments: literature, medicine, chemistry, physics, economics, political science, arts and law.) 25X1

2. The following are the subjects studied [redacted] in December 1947, 25X1

[redacted] Fundamental Principles of Marx and Lenin, Russian Language, World History, Psychology, World Literature, Grammar and Rhetoric. 25X1

3. The Literature and Law Departments are in the University's main building which is near the Pyongyang Railroad Station at Hwang Kim Chŏng (黄金町), Pyongyang City, and which was formerly used by the Japanese as a middle school for girls. The Medical Department is in the building formerly occupied by the Pyongyang Medical College. The Engineering Department is at Ki Yim Ni (箕林里), Pyongyang City, and the Agriculture Department is at a farm approximately 120 kilometers from Ki Yim Ni. 25X1

4. All the departments at the University operate on a "two-class" schedule. One class is known as the Morning Class and the other as the Afternoon Class. While one class is engaged in classroom work, the other is doing construction work on the school grounds.

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5. The president of the University is KIM Tu-pong (金 朴 奉); the vice-president is KIM Il-song. A high-ranking Soviet army officer visits the University once a month to make an inspection and to deliver lectures.
 6. There are six department heads and approximately fifty professors at the University. Most of the professors and department heads are Soviet Koreans from the Kazakh S.S.R., and their real names are kept secret. All the department heads are important North Korean Labor Party members and, along with the professors, have been highly recommended for their positions by Labor Party leaders.
 7. There are approximately fifty instructors who assist the professors in the performance of their duties. Almost all the instructors were formerly teachers in Korean middle schools.
 8. In October 1947, a department head received a monthly salary of 2500 (old) won, a professor 2000, and an instructor 1700. However, because of the steep rise in commodity prices, in November 1947 the department head's salary was raised to 4000 (old) won, that of the professor to 3200 and that of the instructor to 2800. In addition, the heads of the departments, the professors and the instructors are issued rice, clothing and other necessities and are supplied free transportation to and from the University.
 9. There are approximately 8000 students at the University.* Tuition is free and the students are even given a small living allowance. The students can be divided into two main groups: those from North and South Hamgyong (Kankyo) Provinces and those from North and South Pyongan (Heian) Provinces. The students from North and South Hamgyong Provinces constitute 70 per cent of the entire student body, appear to be very satisfied with the treatment they receive and are considered pro-Soviet by the University authorities. Because of the proximity of North and South Hamgyong to the USSR, many of the people in these provinces can speak Russian and are considered pro-Soviet by most Korean people. The students from North and South Pyongan Provinces seem unhappy and many have left the University and gone to South Korea. 25X1
- [] Comment: [] 4000 students at the University in 25X1
 September 1947.)
10. Approximately 5000 students live in the two dormitories on the University grounds. Most of these students are ardent Communists and were selected by the Labor Party to study at the University. The remaining 3000 students live outside the University, but under close surveillance; most of them are members of families that were formerly very wealthy.
 11. Certain students at the University have been selected by the North Korean Government authorities to report on the activities and political sentiments of all the members of the student body.
 12. In September 1946, when the University was founded, students between the ages of 17 and 35 were admitted to the University. However, in 1947, applicants over the age of 30 were not accepted.
 13. Every student at the University must carry an identification card issued by the department in which he is enrolled. Students of the University cannot be arrested by the city authorities for minor infractions of the law. Their names must be reported to the University authorities who deal with them accordingly.
 14. The North Korean People's Committee have selected certain outstanding students at the University and sent them to the USSR to study there for three or four years.

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